(d) Oil Marketing Companies take action in all cases where adulteration/malpractices are detected under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Dealership Agreement.

Auto LPG dispensing stations in Karnataka

2055. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation has opened Auto Liquefied Petroleum Gas Dispensing Stations in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the names of the places where they are opened;

(c) the estimated number of autorickshaws and cars running on LPG cylinders in Karnataka; and

(d) the number of Auto gas Stations which are proposed to be opened soon in Karnataka to cater to the demands of vehicle users?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has opened 3 Auto LPG Dispensing Station (ALDS) in Bangalore at the following existing Retail Outlets:—

(i) M/s. Kaveri Service Station, Koramangala.

(ii) M/s. Engrades Filling Station, Opp. BHEL.

(iii) M/s. Venkateshwara Filling Station, Yelhanka.

(c) the running of autorickshaws and cars with replaceable LPG cylinders is not permitted in terms of LPG (Regulation of Use in Motor Vehicles) Order, 2001.

(d) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have the plan to set up 11 more ALDS in Bangalore.

Adulteration cases involving petrol pumps

†2056. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the Prevention of Adulteration Cell under his Ministry eighty percent petrol pumps located in North India are

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involved in some kind of muddle in which adulteration, short'measuring and supply of low quality lubricants are included;

(b) if so, the action Government have taken against such petrol pump dealers; and

(c) the details of efforts Government have made to prevent such kind of muddles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir. the Anti Adulteration Cell (in the retail outlets inspected by it) had detected approximately 20% cases of sample failure and another 60% cases of some malpractices and possible adulteration during the period from July 2001 to July 2002.

(b) In all cases where adulteration/malpractices were detected, the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) concerned were asked to take action under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Dealership Agreement.

(c) Besides the setting up of Anti Adulteration Cell, steps such as blue dyeing of Kerosene meant for Public Distribution System (PDS), regular/surprise inspection of the retail outlets, introduction of tamper proof locking system for tankeNrucks, special vigilance drives, etc., are taken by the OMCs. Action is taken by the OMCs against erring dealers under the provisions of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Dealership Agreement.The State Governments also initiate action against any dealer indulging in adulteration of petroleum products and violation of any Control Order issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Enquiry on functioning of petrol pumps

†2057. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into the functioning of petrol pumps as per the news-item which appeared in the Dainik Jagran, dated the 24th of August, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the percentage of petrol pumps found guilty of less measurement and adulteration in petrol; and

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